

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice Claims 1, 2, 4, 8 and 10.

Please add new Claims 15 and 16:

15) (New Claim) An apparatus for storing ladders, comprising:

- a) a substantially rectangular bottom wall having a plurality of apertures adjacently spaced to the perimeter edges of said substantially rectangular bottom wall's two long sides;
- b) a first substantially rectangular sidewall perpendicularly spaced along said substantially rectangular bottom wall's apertures parallel to said substantially rectangular bottom wall's long side perimeter edge, said first substantially rectangular sidewall connectively disposed to said substantially rectangular bottom wall;
- c) a second substantially rectangular sidewall perpendicularly spaced along said substantially rectangular bottom wall's apertures parallel to said substantially rectangular bottom wall's other long side perimeter edge, said second substantially rectangular sidewall connectively disposed to said substantially rectangular bottom wall;
- d) a substantially rectangular front wall having one long perimeter edge connected to one of said substantially rectangular bottom wall's short sides, said substantially rectangular front wall angularly disposed towards said substantially rectangular bottom wall's other short side, said substantially rectangular front wall

connectively engaging one short side of said first and second substantially rectangular sidewalls;

e) a substantially rectangular top wall connectively disposed to said front wall, said first substantially rectangular sidewall and second substantially rectangular sidewall;

f) a substantially rectangular rear wall oppositely spaced from said substantially rectangular front wall, said substantially rectangular rear wall having one long side hinged to said substantially rectangular top wall, said substantially rectangular rear wall's other long side detachably secured to said substantially rectangular bottom wall;

whereby an interior cavity for storing ladders is formed via said substantially rectangular top, side, front and rear walls.

16) (New Claim)An apparatus for storing ladders as recited in Claim 1 further comprising:

g) a substantially rectangular housing having at least one entry into its interior space;

h) said substantially rectangular housing juxtaposition and connectively disposed to said substantially rectangular bottom wall.